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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action issued October 13, 2006, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application. A response to this Action originally was due January 13, 2007. Enclosed with this Reply is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and authorization for payment of the fee. In view of the filing of this Petition and Payment of the fee, a response is now due April 13, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment and Reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

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